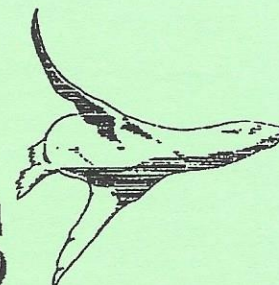


# THE SEA DIVERS



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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE CLUB STATISTICS...

Just for the record...

Club founded – 10 February 1965

TRW SEA Divers – Until 31 December 1989

The Sea Divers – Since 1 January 1990

Membership – 100 to 220, presently 120, mostly advanced divers

Treasury – Approximately \$8000 on hand

Charter Boats – *Great Escape* and *Peace*

Main Event – King Harbor Underwater CleanUp

Address – The Sea Divers, P.O. Box 2415, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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....come join us, we have fun!!!

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## JUNE GENERAL MEETING

### ROBERT GIVEN, Ph. D.- THE EVOLUTION OF DIVING

Our guest speaker for the June General Meeting will be Robert ("Bob") Given, Ph.D. (Biological Sciences) who has been involved with underwater research in Southern California since it began in the late 1940's. He will share some of his adventures, beginning with the use of early SCUBA gear and dry suits, continuing into surface-supplied diving gear and saturation diving (living underwater) and into the ultimate technology – manned and unmanned submersibles. His presentation will consist of a 30-40 minute slide show with a 3-4 minute information session following on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cabrillo Chocolate Lobster Dive fund raising event.

Bob did his first compressed air dive in 1948 utilizing a Jack Brown mask and a hand operated air pump with a hose. He began SCUBA diving in 1953 and was SCUBA certified by L.A. County in 1960. He has used SCUBA in most of the positions he has held since 1957. All his diving has been scientifically and/or educationally oriented. Bob has designed specialized equipment and techniques for data gathering underwater, designed and taught courses in underwater research techniques, conducted experiments in human physiology in saturation diving missions, has extensive submersible experience and an plethora of additional experiences too numerous to list.

So come join us at the next Sea Diver General Meeting for what promises to be a most interesting and educational presentation. The next Sea Diver General Meeting will be held on Tuesday June 1st 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 \$24.00 (to 6/30/00) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/  
 [ ] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$36.00 (to 6/30/00) \$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



## DIVER'S CHOICE – SHALLOW TO DEEP

5 June 1999 (Sat)

SAN CLEMENTE - 9 Fathom  
Reef and 4 ½ Fathom Spot

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$85

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 gorgonians, 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](mailto:curt@diver.net) for sign-up and stateroom or bunk assignment. As of this writing there are 15 spots left. Remember LIMITED LOAD!

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## NEW CLUB VENTURE

26 June 1999 (Sat)

OIL RIGS  
*EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN, EDITH*

*GREAT ESCAPE*

Members \$75\*

(All inclusive! Limited load!)

Boarding: 5:00 AM (6/26)

Non-Members \$85\*

Departure: 6:00 AM (6/26)

New Members \$50\*

For the first time (to my knowledge) in club history we are taking one of our charter boats, the *Great Escape*, to dive oil rigs off the Huntington Beach area.

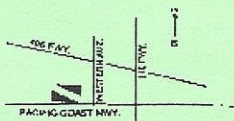
We will leave 22<sup>nd</sup> Street at 6:00 AM and head out to *Eureka*, the furthest and deepest of the oil rigs. Once in place the first of two waves of divers will enter the water to explore the below surface rig structure and the attendant sea life. In particular scallops will be of significant interest to the game takers. Video and photography opportunities should be excellent and quite different from the normal reef diving. It is imperative that all divers watch their depth and bottom times as this rig is in extremely deep water and although the legs are a good reference in what would otherwise be a blue water situation, it's easy to lose track. Once the first wave has returned to the boat, the remaining divers will get their turn. You later risers or non-morning folks may want to take the second wave option!!!

We'll repeat the same process at *Elly/Ellen* a double rig, that should provide a slightly different perspective. After this, depending on diver desires and time we'll make one more rig (*Edith*) or head for Palos Verdes and pick off a couple of shallower dives.

All in all this promises something different and as of this writing the boat is full, with a wait list forming.

As is typical of all Sea Diver charters, the trip includes air, food, snacks, and beverages and has a limited load of 28 divers. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail at [curt@diver.net](mailto:curt@diver.net) for wait list information.

**\*Add \$5 if you wish to overnight on the boat.**



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## IN SEARCH OF...

With a good earlier forecast for weather, and an early morning trip to the head on *Peace* showing us well along the south side of Santa Rosa Island, San Miguel seemed well within our grasp. However, rounding South Point, to head into San Miguel Passage, showed us a very different situation. The wind was up, way up, the channel was already relatively rough and San Miguel was out! Eric B., skipper and owner, elected for one dive just west of South Point in somewhat challenging surface conditions. Major surface chop with flapping kelp in a 30 knot wind, boat swinging 90°. Seven divers entered the water, one aborted immediately! For those that persevered, diving was good in 50°F water and good visibility. Little did we know it was to be one of the best spots for the two days.

Dive two was in the western portion of Johnson's Lee. Not the undersea garden spot of the planet. Visibility dropped noticeably to 30 feet or less with depths to 50 feet. Water was calm and the wind less intense. We then moved about a half mile easterly and northerly within Johnson's Lee. The wind had increased dramatically and with nineteen divers in the water *Peace* began to drag anchor. The net result was divers all over the place and generally far from the boat. Pick up of all nineteen was made safely with *Peace* moving from group to group. Other than that this dive sucked!! 'Nuff said.

That was all she wrote for Santa Rosa and we headed back across a nasty Santa Cruz Channel to an anchorage just east and north of Gull Island. Still plenty of wind and surface chop but the sun was out! Depths here were to 45 feet, 50° F temperature and visibility in the 20 – 30 feet range. We headed further east along Santa Cruz to Albert Arch. Finally no wind, calm, warm in the sun, nice. Many had quit diving by this time. Water temperature was up to 52°F, no current and depths to 50 feet. Not a great dive spot but OK for the day. Our final sixth spot was the overnight anchorage at Coches Prietos, much the same conditions as dive five.

Early on the second day engines up and away we go. West, not east, again looking for dives on the east and perhaps north sides of Santa Cruz. Not so, the water was mostly green and ugly. Where now? Anacapa was our only choice and we headed for the West End of the island, anchoring close in to the reef. Nice dive in calm 51°F water to 60 feet and 35 – 40 feet visibility. This was probably the second best dive of the trip. Subsequently we dived about one mile east of the first dive, and then two dives on Coral Reef on the south side just east of Cat Rock. The dives were in the OK to good category. Conditions were much the same for all four dives at Anacapa. The weather was mostly overcast until early afternoon. All in all not the greatest of diving for the two days, but the boat searched for any opportunity for acceptable dive conditions.

Of note were two major booby award attempts. Peter L. reaching forty feet on the first dive of the first day sans weight belt which was totally overshadowed by John D.'s series of 'errors' at the same dive spot. John D. who was diving in a relatively new dry suit: a) forgot his computer(s), b) forgot to bring and/or connect a suit inflator hose, c) blew out a fin strap, d) worked hard to install a low pressure hose onto a high pressure port (John – man of infinite adapters!), e) blew out the low pressure hose, and f) actually went diving again!!!

Crew support, food and overall running of the boat was excellent. As always it's great to be out on the *Peace* even if the weather and the ocean doesn't cooperate. See you for another San Miguel attempt in September!





## MAY QUOTES...

- "If you can't kill yourself, it's not a sport."
- "I should have brought the IDI straps."
- "What's happening? Everyone is getting dry suits."
- "My Trimix instructor got bent last weekend."
- "The Chamber has old movies and no drinks."
- "The last time I clicked on 'Delaney', it went to DAN."
- "It's after nine, crashing is allowed."
- "I don't mind working, I just don't like working on days I planned to screw off."
- "Female attached... actually a lease."
- "Sign-ins are slow."
- "Not for the faint hearted, it's knarly!"
- "What's the forecast, ugly and uglier?..."
- "... You got it!"
- "I couldn't understand why I couldn't get the air out of my BC - no weight belt."
- "Man, that's cold!"
- "Last month it was 42° at San Miguel. I made one dive and an entry..."
- "...42° is cold!..."
- "...No, it's ridiculous!"
- "Man, that's the longest 10 minute dive I ever did!"
- "All I did was chase the boat."
- "That was fun. You guys are swimming too far from the boat."
- "They make it idiot proof and just build a bigger idiot."
- "That's the first time I've ever done roll call from the head."
- "You can always learn from Delaney's mistakes."
- "Harrison Ford wins, same plot."
- "I'm thinking of becoming a virgin one of these days."
- "We're going to the third island of the trip 'cuz this island basically sucks...so we'll be diving beautiful Anacapa Island this morning. I don't hear any cheering or anything."
- "Where's Little Peter?..."
- "...No guy is going to answer to that!"
- "There's no way, well there should be no way, to finish down current on this dive."
- "Delaney's a 'wreck diver' but that's another story."

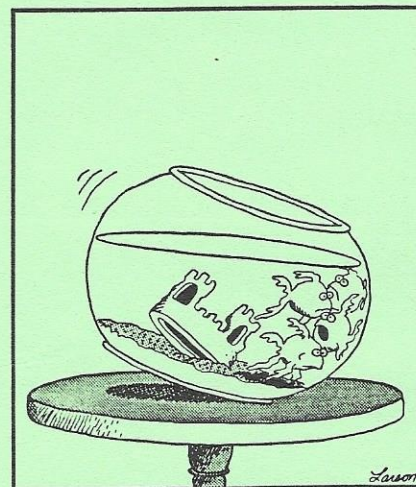
## FARNSWORTH AFTERMATH

April turned out to be a weird month weather-wise. On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> the wind was howling, the channel between the mainland and Catalina was very ugly and the marine forecast did not show diminishing winds until well into the night. Just before 2:00 PM Tim Burke and I agreed to cancel the Farnsworth trip on the 10<sup>th</sup> (6:00 AM departure). Curt Billings got the word out to everyone and we re-planned our collective weekends.

Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> was just great, no wind, clear, visible ocean was calm and it lasted all day. An 'oopsie' on cancellation? Not likely. We probably would not have made Farnsworth and we had already dived the frontside of Catalina as a fallback for the February Santa Barbara dive, so we believe it was the right decision. On to May!!

## FARNSWORTH QUOTES:

- "Is the trip going?... Yes."
- "Is the trip going?... Yes."
- "Is the trip going?...Hmmm."
- "I was just sitting here trying to figure out how to tell you I didn't want to go."
- "The dive has been cancelled... hooray!"
- "But I was looking forward to it. I even greased my o-rings!"



"Trim the bowl, you idiots! Trim the bowl!"



### JUST 25 YEARS AGO...

The Club President was Steve Maloney, Vice President Nancy Corrigan, Secretary Don Adams and Treasurer Martin Kendziorek. General Meetings were held at Lococo's, Manhattan Beach and the Executive Meeting at Dick Nisbitt's home in Redondo Beach. The boat dive was on the original *Truth* to Farnsworth Banks at \$15 for club members and \$16 for non-members non-inclusive. There was a beach dive and campout at Punta Banda near La Bufadora, Baja, Mexico, over Memorial weekend. The club was running courses and/or seminars on Divemasters, Marine Biology, Junior Arts and Crafts, Senior Lifesaving and Basic SCUBA. Wow!! We had just introduced the new club logo we now know as "the golf ball logo", as shown below.



### PEACE O'MIND???

There was some apparent brain cell damage on the recent trip on the *Peace*. Since there was no deep diving done, we cannot attribute the forgetfulness of The Sea Diver contingent to nitrogen narcosis. Oxygen toxicity perhaps?? Regardless of what caused the motor neurons to slow down the result was several pieces of gear were left behind. They are now looking for their real home(s) or, if all else fails, at least a good home. The gear left behind include a woman's wetsuit (contact *Peace*: [www.peaceboat.com](http://www.peaceboat.com)), an XL Metalite glove (contact John DeGroof: [jdegroog@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jdegroog@ix.netcom.com)) and an XL pair of blue and black zippered booties (contact Dave Gunning: [dwgunning@mail.hac.com](mailto:dwgunning@mail.hac.com)).

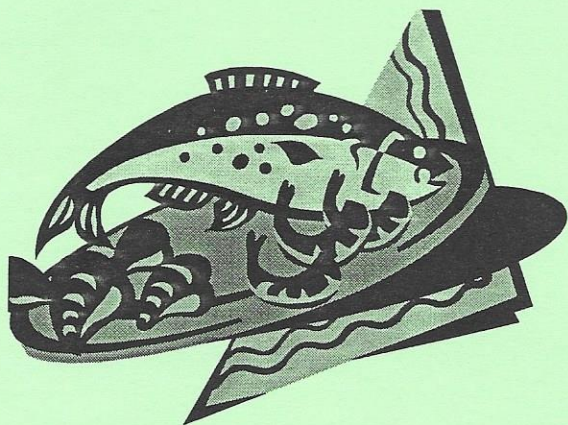
### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Please note there will be an Executive Meeting at Roberto Al Mare's on 10 June 1999 at 7:00 PM. All Execs should try to attend along with any other club members who wish to bring something up to the committee.

### UPCOMING SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sun	13 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
Sat	9 Oct '99	Sea Diver Reunion, Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach
Sat	12 Feb '00	Sea Diver 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party (TBD Location)
Sat	26 Feb '00	20 <sup>th</sup> Avalon Harbor Clean Up, Avalon, California





**BOUILLABAISSE EXTRAORDINAIRE**

**SUNDAY 13 JUNE**

**VETERAN'S PARK, REDONDO BEACH  
BEACH DIVING AND  
BOUILLABAISSE COOKOUT/POTLUCK**

We will dive just south of the pier at Redondo adjacent to Veteran's Park. For those unfamiliar with the dive site, it offers an easy sandy beach entry. The surf is typically small due to the Redondo Canyon at this location. Following a sloping sand bottom, the diver encounters the old Redondo pier pilings about 50 feet out. They stand above the sand bottom reaching 10 feet and more towards the surface. Their long submersion leaves them covered with red corinactus and hollowed out havens for crabs. Continuing further, the pilings end in about 80 feet of water over the edge of Redondo Canyon. Park in the Redondo Beach Municipal parking lot on the south side of Veteran's Park at 25 cents a half-hour (so bring lots of quarters!!!).

Grande Master Chef Parker aided by La Petite Fleur Dacey, will be stirring up warm and filling pots of bouillabaisse that are guaranteed to satisfy the most discriminating diver. "Le Chef" asks all who plan to partake of this tasty concoction to BRING SEAFOOD, CAUGHT OR BOUGHT, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POT. We typically add some or all of the following seafood to the base. All seafood should be UNCOOKED!

- Scallops - small, medium or large, some preferred in the shell
- Clams - typically small, medium or large in the shell
- Lobster - Any! In or out of shell
- Fish - all varieties, cleaned and deboned
- Mussels - in the shell, medium or large
- Shrimp - medium or large, usually in the shell
- Oysters - small or medium, out of the shell
- Crab - medium to large legs or claws in the shell
- Abalone - Any! Most will be used for appetizers.
- "Calamari" - tentacles (rings) or "little guys"
- Other - we'll try almost anything!

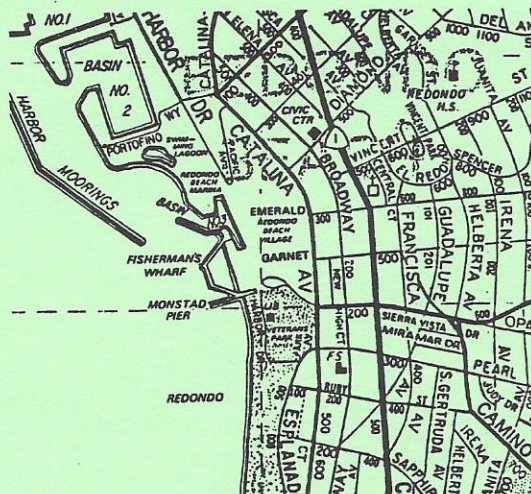
Crusty bread will be provided but bring your own beverages, other accompaniments, and a potluck if you are not into bouillabaisse!

If you're not planning to dive, and just want to enjoy the companionship and good food, plan to be at Veteran's Park in Redondo Beach by 12:00 noon. The approximate schedule is as follows:

8:00 AM - NOON	Dive as desired
NOON - 1:30 PM	Prepare Bouillabaisse
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Appetizers and such
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Eat and socialize

Veteran's Park is shown on the map below. Allen "Le Chef" Parker is the key contact at (310) 813-2955.

**THIS PARTICULAR EVENT HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS - HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE - DON'T FORGET THE SEAFOOD!!**





**CHAMBER DAY '99  
SUMMARY**

**BOATS** - Sold out. Roughly 300 divers (counting the DMs), up from 226 last year.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** - About an extra \$3000. Kudos to all the DMs, who sold a ton on the boats.

**CHAMBER EVENING** - About 300 in attendance. Just about the right number.

**LONG BEACH AQUARIUM** - Thanks for use of the facility. A PERFECT setting and we're already invited back for next year.

**SMG CATERING** - A fabulous meal and whatever we needed was immediately provided.

**EVENING RAFFLE** - About \$2100. Thanks to all the LBAOP volunteers on the Dive Team who helped out.

**MICHAEL KANE** - Thanks for the \$10K and the inspiration for the Challenge.

**CHALLENGE DONORS** - Thanks to all those who responded to Mike's challenge.

**PERSPECTIVE** - In the past, we'd average \$15,000-20,000 net for the event.

Last year (our best ever) the official net was \$26,999.

**THIS YEAR** - Pat yourselves on the back as the official, publicly-announced net is . . .

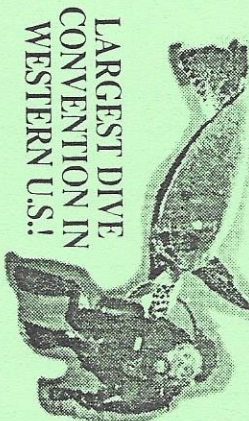
**\$67,018!!!!**

Ken Kurtis  
Chamber Day '99 Chairman



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## GET READY TO COUNT FISH!!

The Great American Fish Count (GAFC) is an annual fish counting event for volunteer divers and snorkelers. Each July 1 – 15, trained volunteers dive into the GAFC and conduct fish surveys along the coasts and in our National Marine Sanctuaries. To date, 194 surveys have been completed in Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS). Please help us add to this database.

To participate in the Fish Count, you are encouraged to attend a free seminar where you will learn the most common fishes in the area and how to do the surveys. Once you learn the method, fish surveying can be done year around, not just in July.

The GAFC is made possible by a partnership between the National Marine Sanctuary program, including CINMS, the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) and the American Ocean Campaign (AOC). GAFC data are displayed on REEF's website ([www.reef.org](http://www.reef.org)).

For a complete list of GAFC activities around the country and seminar registration information, please visit the website [www.fishcount.org](http://www.fishcount.org) or call 1-800-8ocean0.

There will be a special GAFC dive trip on July 6 to Anacapa Island aboard the *Truth*. To sign up call Truth Aquatics at 805-963-3564. (Please note there is a seminar the night before in Santa Barbara).

**HERMAN** By Jim Unger



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"The way you carry on, you'd think I enjoy these business trips."

## DAN SUSPENDS COVERAGE FOR VANUATU

Vanuatu has become a dive site of interest especially for those who enjoy wreck dives, deep dives and tropical diving. The main attraction is the wreck of the *President Coolidge*, off Santo Island with depth from around 65 feet to 220 feet. Over the past two years DAN has been involved in the evacuation of around 15 divers from Vanuatu. There also are a substantial number of divers who were not evacuated but who required treatment for decompression sickness after returning home from Vanuatu. Dan has expressed concern for dive time and about the amount of deep diving conducted on the *Coolidge*. In particular they have been concerned about:

1. The depth and number of divers conducted.
2. The minimal experience of many of the divers.
3. The incidence & severity of DCS occurring
4. The lack of appropriate medical facilities for treating divers.
5. The general lack of appropriate O<sub>2</sub> equipment and trained personnel.
6. The difficulty and delays sometimes associated with evacuating a person from Vanuatu.
7. The cost of evacuating a person from Vanuatu.

Many divers believe that DAN is little more than an insurance company. It is not an insurance company, but buys insurance for its members from insurance companies.

The article goes on to say that after 121 months of investigation and meetings, DAN has suspended their coverage of this island because the Diving community there does not want to put a sur charge on their divers to cover the cost of operating a decompression chamber... so in an effort not to have their whole Asia-Pacific insurance program cancelled DAN has decided not to cover divers in Vanuatu.

*(Editor's note: This article was reprinted from the Whaler's newsletter which paraphrased the article from the Channel Island Council of Divers Newsletter)*



## GET WET! GET EDUCATED!

A group of Southern California ocean enthusiasts are aiming to impart their love of the marine environment to others through a new foundation, Get Wet! and The International Museum of Diving. The educational goal of the group is to develop enlightened stewardship of the local marine environment in the residents of Los Angeles County and visitors to the region, according to José Shaur, director of the program.

The organization plans to occupy an octagonal building adjacent to the Redondo Beach Pier and turn it into a marine science/environmental education center and home of the International Museum of Diving. The plan is unique for several reasons. First the proposed International Museum of Diving will be the only one of its kind in the world. Second, many of the significant contributions to the advancement of diving were developed in Southern California and Redondo Beach has figured prominently in the history of diving. The site is adjacent to Redondo Submarine Canyon, one of the most popular beach dives in the area.

The uniqueness of this museum and the proximity to Los Angeles International Airport will make it accessible to tourists passing through Los Angeles, Shaur said.

The center's education plan is also unique. The organizers believe that the best way to develop stewardship of the local marine environment in youth is by getting them wet. This includes taking them snorkeling in the ocean and immersing them in the interactive marine science and environmental education classes. Through a tactile and experiential approach to teaching science and math, the participants realize that these are not "boring" school subjects but rather important parts of the environment.

For more information about Get Wet! and the International Museum of Diving, call José Shaur at (310) 213-7171

### **TEN WAYS A DIVER CAN PROTECT THE AQUATIC REALM**

1. Dive Carefully in fragile aquatic ecosystems, such as coral reefs.
2. Be aware of your body and equipment placement when diving
3. Keep your diving skills sharp with continuing education
4. Consider your impact on aquatic life through your interactions
5. Understand and respect underwater life
6. Resist the urge to collect souvenirs.
7. If you hunt and/or gather game, obey all fish and game laws.
8. Report environmental disturbances or destruction of your dive sites.
9. Be a role model for other divers in diving and non-diving interaction with the environment
10. Get involved in local environmental activities and issues.

### **GLACD 1999 Calendar**

<b>April 19</b>	<b>GLACD General Meeting, Alpine Village, Torrance.</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Chamber Day &amp; Chamber Evening.</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>3Rs Class, Leo Carrillo State Beach, Malibu.</b>
<b>May 17</b>	<b>GLACD General Meeting, Alpine Village, Torrance.</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>7th annual King Harbor Clean-up, Redondo Beach (Postponed from Oct. 18).</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>3Rs Class, White's Point, Palos Verdes.</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>GLACD General Meeting, Alpine Village, Torrance.</b>
<b>June 25-27</b>	<b>The Scuba Show '99, Queen Mary, Long Beach.</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>3Rs Class, Reef Point, Newport Beach.</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>2nd Annual Gold Star Dive, Avalon, Catalina.</b>
<b>Aug. 7</b>	<b>3Rs Class, Point Dume/Westward Bch., Malibu.</b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>3Rs Class, Old Marineland, Palos Verdes.</b>
<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>International Coastal Clean-Up Day.</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Chocolate Lobster Dive, Cabrillo Beach.</b>
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>3Rs Class, Malaga Cove, Palos Verdes.</b>
<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Two Harbors Underwater Clean-Up.</b>

**3Rs classes start at 8 a.m. and end with a barbeque at noon.**  
**Submit calendar items to [jondavies@aol.com](mailto:jondavies@aol.com) or call (626) 296-1646**



## 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 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-2	SAT	13 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$90	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	\$70*	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	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN, EDITH	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-7	FRI/SAT	23/24 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$195	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> STREET
99-8	SUN	15 AUG	PALAWAN WRECK & PALOS VERDES	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 <sup>ND</sup> 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 <sup>ND</sup> 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**

North on Ventura freeway to Victoria Ave. in Ventura. Turn left onto Victoria and continue to Olivias 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**

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**

JUNE						
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June 1  
June 5  
June 10  
June 13  
June 26

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – San Clemente - Nine & 4-1/2 Fathom Reefs - *GREAT ESCAPE*  
Executive Meeting – 7 PM – Roberto Al Mare  
Beach Dive / Bouillabaisse – 8 AM – Veteran’s Park, Redondo Beach  
Boat Dive – Oil Rigs: *Eureka, Elly/Ellen, Edith* – *GREAT ESCAPE*

JULY						
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July 6  
July 23-24

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza  
Boat Dive – Begg Rock / San Nic / Santa Barbara - *GREAT ESCAPE*

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