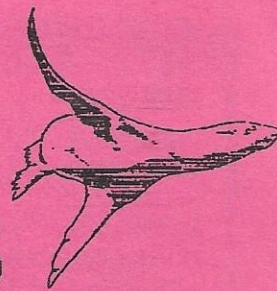


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

The Club's end of the year Executive Meeting was held on 7 December '00 at the San Franciscan Restaurant in Torrance. The Agenda was published in the last two Newsletters and there were nine Execs and Members in attendance. Our primary issue was pricing of dive boats for 2001, with two elements to contend with: 1) Our losses on boat dives in 2000 and 2) The increase in Charter Prices, albeit small, for 2000. The net result was that boat prices will increase by \$5 to \$20 for 2001, the lower increases being on single day dives and the higher increases being on two day dives. We have not increased our prices significantly in several years so inflation etc. finally caught up with us. We believe we have still the lowest prices in the area. If that's not true we'll honor any other proven lower price!!! In addition we agreed to carefully watch sign-ups and decide by mid-year (or earlier) on our four back-to-back two day dives, September through December. These were the difficult ones in 2000.

We are also looking at a dive to the *Yukon* either as part of our present schedule or in concert with The Wreck Divers. More later. Generally, the Club continues in good shape but it is essential that we do not repeat some of the surprises in sign-ups in 2000. Have a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. Remember, no General Meeting in January and 2001 diving begins 4 February '01 on the Great Escape to Santa Barbara and Sutil Islands.

On a good note all Executives agreed* to continue in 2001 and my sincere thanks for their contributions in '00 and in anticipation of their contributions in '01.

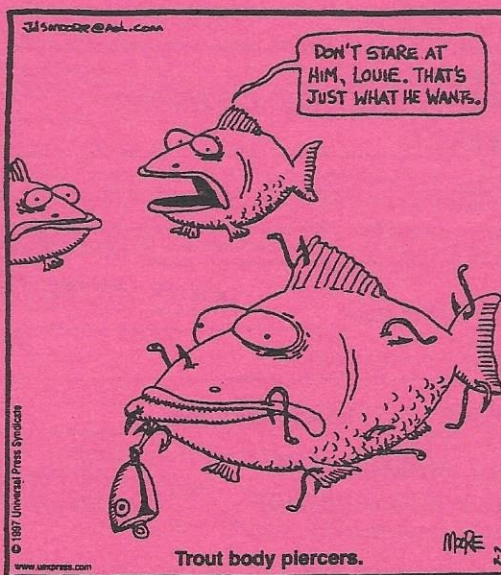
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*(Editor's Note: I did WHAT?!?!?!?)

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

CANCELLED!!

**Happy
Holidays!!**



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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 a South Bay Restaurant. (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 _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Type of diving preferred: beach/boat/skin _____

[] SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$12.00 (to 6/30/01)

[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/01)

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MORE BARBARA BUGS

4 February 2001 (Sun)

Members \$100

Non-Members \$110

New Members \$66

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

(All inclusive and limited load!)

GREAT ESCAPE

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/3)

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/4)

The first dive of our 2001 program is to Santa Barbara Island and Sutil Island. 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 limited load scenario. The bugs were "biting" on our October 2000 dive.

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 sometimes in "flying formations". The reefs are ideal for photography, video, 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. Relative beginners should check with the divemaster to ascertain the specifics of each dive. *Great Escape* is one of the largest dive boats 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. SIGN-UP NOW, IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!!

LE PEACE QUOTES...

"Is there an echo in here?..."

"...Keep your knees together dear."

"Light load, no offense."

"He's a double, no triple dipper..."

"...All right!"

"Should be a real comfortable trip. Good for us,
bad for the Club!"

"Pass it around, this jacket's for sale."

"St. John Delaney."

"She's trouble..."

"...But you're single, it doesn't matter..."

"...Oh yes it does!"

"Not wealthy but 'independantly comfortable'."

"She's the designated puker."

"Lot's of ling cod, how do they know?"

"We don't have leashes, only whips."

"We don't have any 'who wears the pants?',
nobody wears any pants."

"She's a great soccer player..."

"...Yeah but she'd make more money as a
stripper."

"Puts lead in your pencil..."

"...Yes, but then you have to find somewhere to
write."

"I'm pretty regular, usually early morning..."

"...for me that would be a miracle."

"For tickets that price it would have to involve
sex..."

"...Right, at that price you're getting screwed."

NOT WEATHERED OUT

Our December two day on the *Peace* was graced with just unbelievable good weather for this time of the year. After a six or so hour run on flat calm water we anchored in Cuyler's at San Miguel to await the morning sun.

Almost everyone of the ten dives we made were in flat calm water, with little or no current, 40' to 100' visibility and 53/54°F water. The first dive was on Egg Rock with depths to over 100 feet, and the second on the West Edge Wall of Talcott Shoal. Neither were bug dives but plenty of scallops for all. We then moved onto the Talcott plateau, which of course is bug country. Quite a few bugs, twenty or so, were nabbed at the two spots we anchored. Depths were to 50 feet or so with some surge from the few but relatively large swells. On a personal note, not being an ardent bug hunter, I always thought Talcott sucked, flat and boring. I did not change my opinion!

We then moved back to San Miguel, taking a look at Prince Island before settling for Hare Rock followed by Bat Rock. These were the lowest visibility spots and the shallowest at 45 to 50 feet. By the end of the first day of diving we had netted maybe 25 or so bugs and quite a few scallop limits.

Because of forecasted increasing swells from the Northwest we made a run to Santa Rosa to overnight in Johnson's Lee. Early morning found us heading to the East Pinnacles off the South East end of Santa Rosa. Nice, nice dives (two) were made here. Depths to well over 100 feet in 100 feet visibility. Bugs and scallops were once more the order of the day.

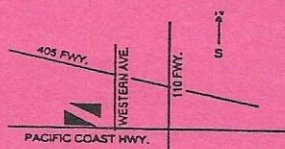
We then crossed the channel to Morse Point at the West End of Santa Cruz, unfortunately either a great spot or not depending on which way you swam! Similarly for the next spot about a mile or so east of Morse Point. Depths to 70 feet or so were available on the edges of the reefs but most was in the 45 to 50 foot range.

We set off for Ventura at about 2:30 PM arriving at the dock at about 6:00 PM after two days of great diving with exceptional weather. Seeing as how it was nearly the Holiday Season we gave out three MHKTDE Awards. From our perspective MHK himself should have gotten one for planning his Matterhorn trip over our two-day trip thus shifting several of our diver's allegiance to his trip and costing us over \$1000!! This was a bass-ackwards way to contribute to the Chamber, but since the Chamber got the money it's probably OK. Anyhow, in order of boobiness, John D. (once more!) for making his first deep dive sans computer (the last award we're giving him for this feat as it's apparently SOP and not a booby for John). Peter L. (once more!) for fumbling around looking for his regulator at the gate, and when asked by the divemaster what he was looking for just mumbled, took his regulator out of his mouth and said "Never mind!". Dale L. for carefully cleaning a large scallop throwing the "button" overboard and keeping the shell! Great stuff.

Once again the cuisine on the *Peace* was excellent and the service from the crew exceptional. Skipper Eric always has a personable and attentive crew that make the trips most enjoyable.

Hope to see more of you in February!

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2001 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE*	BOAT	LOCATION
01-1	SUN	4 FEB	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-2	SAT	10 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-3	SAT	7 APR	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$105	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-C13	WED	2 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2001/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-4	FRI/SAT	11/12 MAY	SAN MIGUEL	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
01-5	SAT	2 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-6	SAT	23 JUNE	OSBORNE BANK / SANTA BARBARA	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-7	FRI/SAT	20/21 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$215	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-8	SUN	12 AUG	PALAWAN / AVALON / DOMINATOR WRECKS	\$85	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-9	FRI/SAT	21/22 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
01-10	TUES/WED	9/10 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$180	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
01-11	FRI/SAT	26/27 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$215	GREAT ESCAPE	22ND STREET
01-12	SAT/SUN	1/2 DEC	NORTHERN CHANNEL ISLES	\$200	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 paying full annual membership allowed one single day dive at approximately two-thirds of member price. Dive 01-C13 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 01-C13 are limited load of 28 divers.

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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

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) 477-2746

e-mail: curt@diver.net

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

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Redondo Beach, CA 90278

CALENDAR

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January 2

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

FEBRUARY						
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February 4

Boat Dive – Santa Barbara / Sutil Islands – GREAT ESCAPE

February 6

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

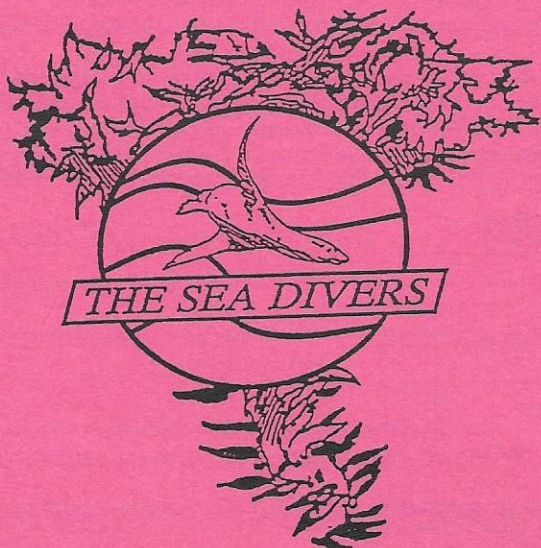
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- **New 2001 Boat Dive Prices!!!**
- **...and More!!!**

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