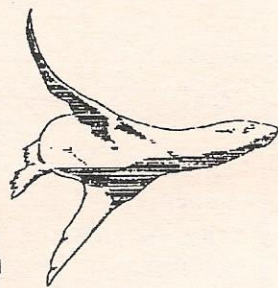


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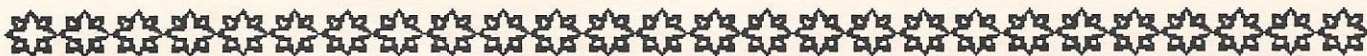
IN AFFILIATION WITH AMERICAN DIVING

FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHANGE BOARD...

We have made a few changes to our Boat Dive Schedule for 2001. Our September two day on the *Peace* has been moved from 21-22 September to 7-8 September and our October two day, also on the *Peace* has been moved from 9-10 October to 2-3 October, much closer to Opening Day! In addition we are jointly with the Wreck Divers planning a trip to the *Yukon* on the *Lois Ann* on 29 September. Sign-ups for this dive will not occur until July sometime. More information later, but you may want to mark off the date, space will be limited.

Note that we still have spots available for the 4 February dive to Santa Barbara/Sutil.

A.P.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

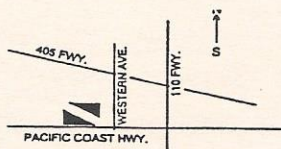
MIKE SCHAADT - DIVER ON A ROPE: OBSERVING AND COLLECTING PLANKTON IN BLUE WATER

Picture this ... you are hanging at 20 feet for a few minutes following a deep dive, just to be safe, and you see strange gelatinous blobs float by that you swear move on their own. You probably had a close encounter with plankton, a name given to organisms that are at the mercy of ocean currents. Scientific divers have developed blue water diving protocols to allow safe in-situ observation and collection of plankton. Blue water techniques used by staff divers at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will be shown and discussed during this presentation.

Mike Schaadt has been diving for over 20 years. Most of his time underwater has been spent observing or collecting marine life for science. He has been a saturation diver in an underwater habitat and a way station. Mike received a Bachelor's degree in marine biology and a Master's degree in biology from CSU, Long Beach. His research interest is the natural history and husbandry of planktonic organisms. Mike is Exhibits Director and team leader of blue water diving at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday 6 February at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM.. Stop on by to talk to Mike and hear what will be a very interesting presentation.

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



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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 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) (Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/
[] FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$18.00 (to 6/30/01) \$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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MORE BARBARA BUGS

4 February 2001 (Sun)

SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$100

(All inclusive and limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/3)

Non-Members \$110

Departure: 2:00 AM (2/4)

New Members \$67

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!!**

END OF LOBSTER SEASON

10 March 2001 (Sat)

SAN NICOLAS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$110

**(Includes everything
with limited load!)**

Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/9)

Non-Members \$120

PROMPT!→

Departure: 11:00 PM (3/9)

New Members \$80

The lobster season, once more, is drawing to a close. This limited load charter is on *Great Escape* out of 22nd Street, San Pedro. We will arrive at San Nicolas just after first light and although not early enough for a full night dive it will be dark down there so be sure to bring a good light and a backup. We have made San Nicolas on most attempts on the *Great Escape*.

Our primary targets on this trip are bugs and there still are a few biggies out there. Perseverance is the key, as all great bug warriors will tell you. Abalone remain off limits and are not for the taking and probably not so for years to come.

For those of us that are not so lucky, fast enough, or skilled at the lobster stakes, scallops are an alternative and fish provide yet another alternative with many different species to spear. Although not the prettiest underwater environment, San Nicolas can provide excellent opportunities for video or photography.

Diving around San Nicolas is suitable for all skill levels with ocean cooperation. If not sure of dive conditions, check with the divemaster before making a deep or potentially difficult dive. Call Curt (Billings) at (909) 945-3461, Fax at (909) 477-2849 or e-mail curt@diver.net for sign-ups and additional information. Bunks and staterooms will be pre-assigned on a first pay/space available basis. **SAN NICOLAS IT IS...DON'T WAIT, LIMITED LOAD** and the last chance for bugs this season! Please note the boat departs at 11:00 PM prompt on Friday evening.

Come join us on our **21st Annual Avalon Clean Up** dive benefiting the Catalina Conservancy Divers and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

Feb. 24, 2001

Name _____
Address _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____
Certification Agency _____
C-Card Number _____
Club Affiliation _____

Preferred Dive Site (**circle one site**)

Casino Landing - Step Beach - Green Pier

Free Participant T Shirt (**circle one size**)

S M L XL XXL

Get additional opportunity tickets for a chance to win gifts donated by the leading dive equipment manufacturers and supporters of the Catalina Conservancy Divers and the Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber.

- ☐ (1) ticket \$1 _____
☐ (12) tickets \$10 _____
☐ (30) tickets \$25 _____
☐ (70) tickets \$50 _____
☐ (150) tickets \$100 _____

Entry fee **\$25.00 before Jan. 29, 2001**

Entry fee **\$35.00 after Jan. 29, 2001**

Entry Fee : \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

Payment Method (**circle one method**)

Visa - MasterCard - AMEX - Check

Make checks payable to Catalina Conservancy Divers.

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature of cardholder

Mail to: CCD/UCC

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Los Angeles, CA 90009-1501

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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	7/8 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
01-10	TUES/WED	2/3 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.

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

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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February 4

Boat Dive – Santa Barbara / Sutil Islands – *GREAT ESCAPE*

February 6

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

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March 6

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

February 4

Boat Dive – San Nicolas Island – *GREAT ESCAPE*

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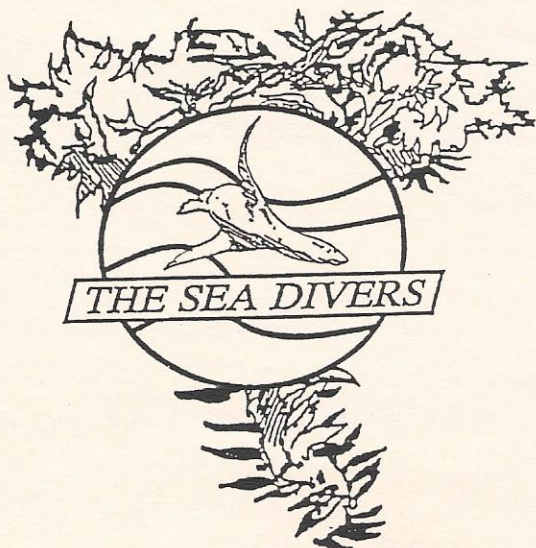
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