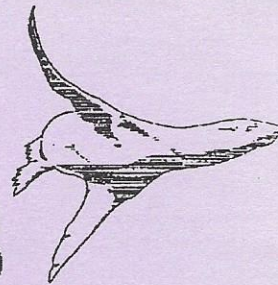


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING...

The Annual Executive Meeting was held as planned on 12 December '01. Five (of nine) Executives were in attendance along with four Club Members. The Agenda was as previously published with one addition. Execs agreed to continue into 2002. Prices will increase \$10 on all *Great Escape* charters per Tim's necessary 2002 price increases. *Peace* prices remain the same as for 2001. Note that Free Divers price will be 75% of full price in lieu of 66%. Some form of "missed dive" discount on future dives was not approved. The Bugzilla dive will now be limited to 24 divers, all other dives continue at 28. The Dive Boat Policy (see inside) was updated for the first time since 1993. Aside from a broad clean up of the language, the primary change is that only Club Members who annually support one third of our dives will be allowed to pay on the boat (see item F). As of the end of '01, this encompasses 26 members. We plan to pursue another trip to the *Yukon*, possibly with the Wreck Divers again and to further assess the *Pacific Star* out of Redondo Beach for a *Palawan* dive. The additional item was a request from the B.E.N.T Dive Club to split three two-day charters on the *Peace*. In order to do this we would have to significantly revamp our schedule to avoid conflicts or near conflicts. The split charter was voted no, although we are very compatible with B.E.N.T and have several cross members. I thought the meeting went well and I thank those in attendance for an open and lively discussion. See you in 2002!!

A.P.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

Due to the New Year's Holiday the January General Meeting has been cancelled.

Our next Sea Diver General meeting will be on Tuesday 5 February 2001 at Round Table Pizza in Hawthorne starting at 7:00 PM and will feature our very own Joe Kalohi discussing Everything You Want to Know About Free Diving.

SEA DIVER ACTIVITIES

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sat	23 Feb '02	22 nd Avalon Harbor Cleanup, Avalon
Wed	1 May '02	Chamber Day 2002, Chamber Eve at Long Beach Aquarium
Sat	14 Sept '02	International Coastal Clean Up Day, various locations
Sat	TBD Sept '02	<i>Yukon</i> dive, <i>Lois Ann</i> , San Diego (Joint with Wreck Divers)

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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		

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|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SINGLE MEMBERSHIP | \$24.00 (to 6/30/02) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | \$36.00 (to 6/30/02) |

(Annual dues 1 July - 30 June are \$24 single/
\$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

DATE CHANGE!!!

Note that the San Clemente Dive in February '02 has been changed from Sunday 3 February to Saturday 2 February.

DISCOUNT BUG DIVING!

2 February 2002 (Sat)

SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$115

(All inclusive & limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (2/1)

Non-Members \$125

PROMPT!→

Departure: 1:00 AM (2/2)

New Members \$77

This single day bug season dive on the *Great Escape* will take us to the backside of San Clemente Island. We will run to Seal Cove or perhaps Lost Point to begin our diving. As the day progresses we'll work our way back North and West diving at the Four-and-a-Half fathom spot finishing up in the Castle Rock area. All of the areas on the backside typically have excellent reef structures with a multiplicity of growth, sea life, and bugs. The walls and canyons are second to none in the local area and provide some of the most varied diving environs. Depths will range from 40 to over 100 feet with water temperature anticipated to be around 60°F, making for great lobster hunting conditions.

The dive is suitable for all levels of skill, ocean conditions permitting. The backside does see it's fair share of swells and potentially rough water but this time of year should provide a good chance of success. Looky-loos and/or photographers will not be disappointed with the environs of San Clemente, and for the game takers, lobster, scallops and a goodly variety of fish are available. It will also be interesting to see if the Pink and Green abalone are showing any sign of recovery. Hopefully the sun will grace us with a nice warm day.

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.

LOBSTER SEASON FINALE

9 March 2002 (Sat)

SAN NICOLAS

GREAT ESCAPE

Members \$120

(Includes everything
with limited load!)

Boarding: 8:00 PM (3/8)

Non-Members \$130

PROMPT!→

Departure: 11:00 PM (3/8)

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. 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, don't be late!!

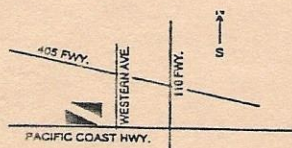
PRETTY DAMN GOOD

The Bug Mafioso, in the guise of John D. and Chris G., descended on myself and Kathy D. in the local Ventura Marina watering hole, needing a decision on bugs versus pinnacles. Not really giving a rat's ass, bugs it was, especially as how pinnacles were probably weathered out. In lieu of a midnight departure we left at 3:00 AM, arriving at the North East end of Santa Rosa Island around 7:30 AM on essentially flat clam water!! Carrington Point a.k.a. Murky Point water was beset with poor, less than ten feet, visibility but most divers went in anyway. Bug Fever syndrome! A smattering of bugs were taken but not as many as expected. Depths were to 50', with temperature around 56°F.

We then moved to Talcott Shoal, the Northern Islands bug haven. Dives two through six were made within a mile radius or so. Dive two netted the most bugs with a five and one-half pounder being the largest. Depths were typically to 50 or 60 feet maximum, with little or no current, slight swell issues, 54-56°F temperature and visibility from 10 to 20 feet. All in all a pretty good day for the bug hunters.

We overnighted, I believe, at Platts Harbor on the north side of Santa Cruz in anticipation of South-Easterlies. Several divers made a night dive, God knows why, after dinner when most of the rest of us were watching "Down Periscope"!! The South-Easterlies did not materialize, so early on the second day we motored into mid Santa Cruz channel looking for a 65 foot high spot. After a somewhat protracted search the "pinnacle" was located and the anchor dropped. The current was really ripping, 2 to 3 knots, however a whole three hardcore divers went in and netted two or three legal bugs!! Moving right along we moved to Frasier Point where it always seems colder. Depths to over 100 feet on the outside to 60 feet on the inside. Temperature was as low as 52°F. Again a few bugs in slightly surgy conditions. Dive three was midway between Profile Point and Lady's Harbor again on the north side of Santa Cruz close in to the rocks. This area was covered in scallops and also yielded a few bugs. Surge was the order of the dive, with swings of 10 to 12 feet not uncommon. The final and fourth dive was on the east side of Diablo. Much surge and generally not perfect conditions kept several of the last divers out of the water. Also Mr. Weather was finally threatening and the skies were looking quite nasty.

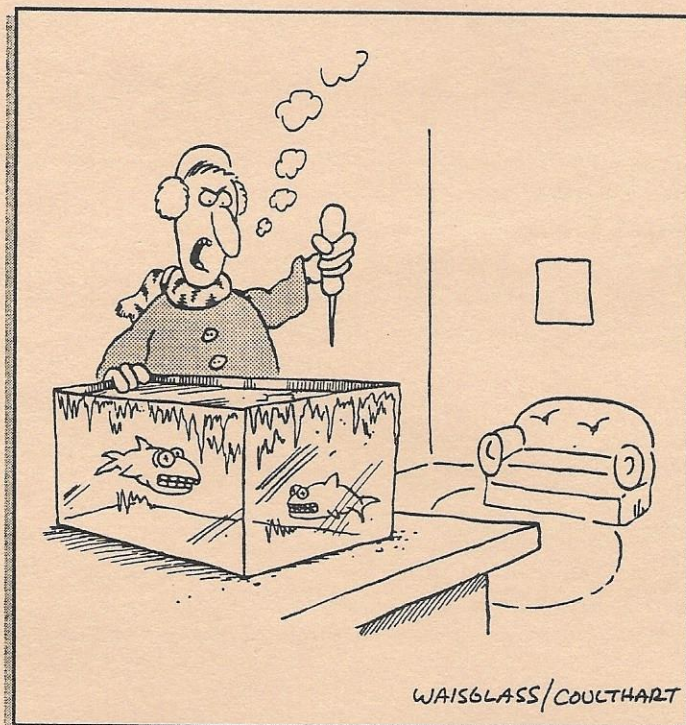
The run back was uneventful and we managed to stay ahead of the front. We arrived at the dock just after 4:30 PM which was good as it was Sunday night in Winter, long drive back home! The *Peace* did a great job and the food fare was exceptional, nobody goes hungry here. Fidel ran the boat and the whole boat was very supportive. A very slim Eric met us at the dock. We had no boobies of note. Mark G. lost a fin, probably not his fault. Bob D. and Chris G dove "Ripping Current Reef" and Carol B. butted heads with a tank causing quite a knot over one eye. Perhaps the nearest full boobie was Fidel who tried to double anchor and ran out of bow scope about 30 yards from the rear anchor float!! This was at the third no name spot which is now known and Anchor 101!!! Great trip.



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DECEMBER QUOTES...

"My money's on her."
"You can't shoot any fish not on this sheet..."
"...What are you supposed to do, strangle 'em?"
"Your buddy is bent, now what?..."
"...Get another buddy!"
""Too much suit, not enough butt..."
"...Apparently they sized it for a bigger asshole!"
"Parker, you're getting to be an embarrassment..."
"...But I hate it when you're smarter than me."
"It's not Jimmy Buffet but it's obnoxious."
"When you are buying wine that hasn't been made yet, do you ever think you have a drinking problem?"
"He's a white Mexican. He won't even eat hot sauce."
"See that little black dot out there? It's Grossman."
"Now you can get both cheeks on."
"Great day of diving, didn't puke once."
"Amen, Brother!"
"I didn't say anything but I got 'The Look'."
"So what do you think you're going to see/get at this mud-hole?"
"Excellent meal dude."
"This is the official British Navy Grog..."



**"Will somebody turn down the damn
air conditioner?!"**

JUST TEN YEARS AGO...

The Club President was Allen Parker, Vice-President Mike Borden, Treasurer Kathi McNally and Secretary Cathy Gale. General Meetings were held at Round Table Pizza and Executive Meetings at Shibaraku Restaurant - you had to see the menu to believe it! The boat dive was on the *Peace* to Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz and Anacapa. We were planning to support the 12th Avalon Harbor Underwater Cleanup, were running a Frequent Diver Program and had just begun our infamous quotes. We still had a beach diving program but that was soon to fade! We were chartering *Wild Wave*, *Peace*, *Charisma* (now *Great Escape*) and *Encore* in 1992. We had just announced our change in dues structure from 1 January - 31 December to 1 July - 30 June.



...AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

FINLAND

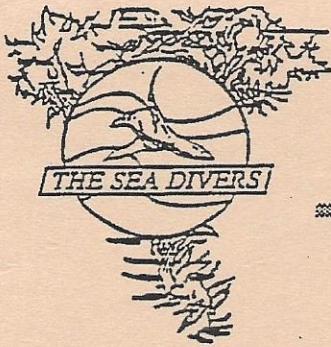
Fishmonger Fined for Allowing Catch to Suffer

A fishmonger was fined by a Helsinki court for allowing his fish to suffer while on sale, a Finnish newspaper reported.

A veterinarian complained to Magnus Ekstrom that the burbot were moving their gills and wriggling, indicating that they were in pain.

Ekstrom whacked the fish to prove they were dead, but they continued to flop. The vet called the police, who arrived with wailing sirens, the Kauppalehti newspaper reported. Ekstrom was fined \$41 and ordered to pay \$152 in legal fees.

From Times Wire Reports



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DIVE BOAT POLICY

A club member may make a reservation on an upcoming scheduled dive as follows:

- a) Unconfirmed reservations may be made for any boat dive at any time. To confirm a reservation, full payment must be received by the Dive Boat Reservationist.
- 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.
- c) For two day dives, divers holding unconfirmed reservations will be called 4 weeks prior to the dive and advised that payment in full is required no later than 21 days prior to the dive to be confirmed.
- 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.
- e) Pre-assignment of bunks will be made on a first paid basis for selected dives.
- f) Executive Officers and club members who annually support at least one third of Sea Diver charters may pay on the boat but must get prior approval from the Dive Boat Reservationist or the Club President.

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 Boat Reservationist will assist in this process, but is not responsible to provide paying alternates. When confirmation is received by the Dive Boat Reservationist that a canceling diver is being replaced by another qualified diver, the replacement diver is then fully responsible for the cost of the dive.

Only Sea Diver club members and members of other "associate" clubs may make boat dive reservations prior to three months before a scheduled boat dive.

Partial refunds from single day boats which do not make the advertised dive location will be passed on to club members who request them within two weeks of the dive.

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2002 BOAT DIVE SCHEDULE

DIVE	DAY(S)	DATE(S)	DESTINATION	PRICE	BOAT	LOCATION
02-1	SAT	2 FEB	SAN CLEMENTE BACKSIDE	\$115	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-2	SAT	9 MAR	SAN NICOLAS	\$120	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
03-3	SAT	6 APR	SANTA BARBARA / SUTIL	\$110	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-C14	WED	1 MAY	CHAMBER DAY 2002/ CATALINA	\$75	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-4	FRI/SAT	10/11 MAY	SAN MIGUEL / SANTA ROSA	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-5	SAT	1 JUNE	OIL RIGS: EUREKA, ELLY/ELLEN	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-6	SAT	22 JUNE	FARNSWORTH / LITTLE FARNSWORTH / ITALIAN GARDENS	\$100	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-7	FRI/SAT	19/20 JULY	BEGG ROCK/SAN NIC /SANTA BARBARA	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-8	SUN	11 AUG	USS MOODY WRECK / OIL RIG EUREKA	\$95	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-9	FRI/SAT	6/7 SEPT	SAN MIGUEL PINNACLES	\$200	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-10	TUES/WE D	1/2 OCT	SAN NICOLAS / SANTA ROSA	\$210	PEACE	VENTURA MARINA
02-11	FRI/SAT	25/26 OCT	CORTES & TANNER BANKS	\$225	GREAT ESCAPE	22 ND STREET
02-12	SAT/SUN	7/8 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. Free Diver price is 75% of full price. Bubblewatchers price is 50% of full price. Dive 02-C14 does not include air, food, and beverages. All dives except 02-C14 and 02-10 are limited load of 28 divers. Dive 02-10 (a.k.a. Bugzilla) is a limited load of 24 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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e-mail: curt@diver.net

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CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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27	28	29	30	31		

January 1

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

FEBRUARY						
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February 2

Boat Dive - San Clemente Backside - *GREAT ESCAPE*

February 5

General Meeting - 7 PM - Round Table Pizza

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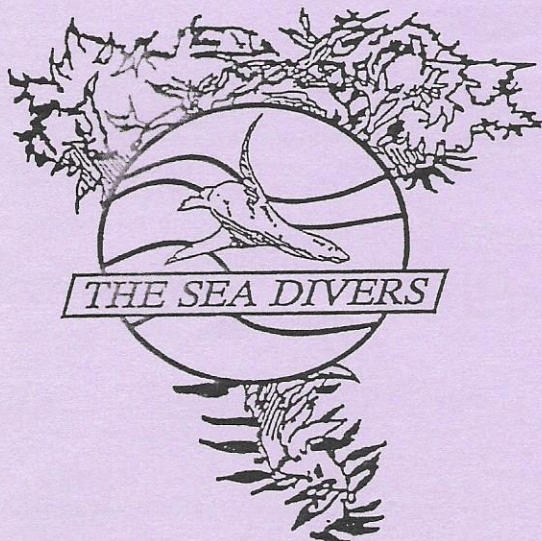
- New Dive Boat Policy!
- 2002 Prices!
- Tales from the *Peace*!
- ...and More!

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