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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter  
www.dive-club.org



*August 2004*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### ***Dive as I say. Not as I do!***

A little personal story with a message. So, I did the club dive on the Lois Ann to the Yukon on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. It's been about a year since I've seen the Yukon and figured my personal plaque in the chart room needed cleaning. Like many of you I donated time and money to sinking the Yukon. My only goals were; to clean my plaque, to see the growth on the ship and to have fun.

Woody, the Captain, semi-promised us we'd have some good viz. The earlier trip to the Yukon that morning with another dive group resulted in reports of great viz. I told Woody, "there's twenty bucks in it for you if you can keep the viz great". Woody replied, "I'll hold you to that".

A little bumpy on the way out with cloudy skies but otherwise an uneventful short trip to the Yukon site. Picked a buddy, checked my gear, put my dry suit on, did a buddy check and jumped in the water. Water was refreshing since I was over-heating a bit in the dry suit. Waited for my buddy to catch up to me at the Yukon forward gun buoy. My buddy tells me he's not comfortable with making the dive. "That's okay", I said, "I have those days too, I'm glad you have the common sense and fortitude to make the right decision."

I'm a Divemaster and I'm used to having to dive alone, I just wouldn't pen-

etrate potentially risky areas of the ship and will stay in sight of other divers.

Visibility on the ship was about 40 feet, good but not great, I thought about reducing my \$20 offer to Woody. Everything was fine, I had noticed my dive computer battery was weak but couldn't interpret the battery numbers it flashed at the surface, what does "9" mean? I couldn't remember and didn't have my manual with me. The computer was about 3 years old I figured I could get a couple more dives out of it before I had to send it in. I was wrong!

Computer was working all the way

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## **AT OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Wed., August 4, 2004 7:00 pm**

(see page 8 for meeting location)

**The Guest Speaker for August is:**  
*Steven Douglas - World Traveller*

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Steve Douglas has been in this endeavor for twenty years diving both recreationally and as a former Search and Recovery diver for the San Diego Sheriffs Dive Unit. In that time he has racked up over 2700 dives from around the world extensively traveling Truk, Australia, Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, Fiji, Belize, Papua New Guinea and too many other places to mention here

Former owner and instructor at Del Mar Oceansports, Steve has been filming underwater since 1988 and has had his films shown at several film festivals across the country, Germany and Yugoslavia, as well as having his footage broadcast by our local news stations.

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

## Club Information

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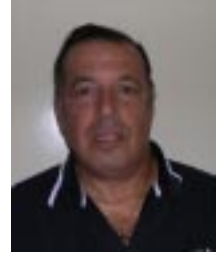
**Cody Gilstrap**

### *Entertainment Coordinator*

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**Bruce Laiho**

### *Community Representative*



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**Michelle Russell**

### *Membership*

Enjoy the many benefits of being a member of the club. Joining is simple. Fill out an application at a club meeting. First years dues are \$30.00. Renewing membership is \$20.00. Renewals are not accepted at the store or through the mail. If you have a question regarding membership, lost cards, or you're not receiving your newsletters, contact the Vice president.

#### *Membership Benefits*

- 10% discount on non-sale dive gear
- 10% discount on dive gear rentals
- 10% on continuing education classes
- 10 Free air fills, 10% disc after that
- Quarterly buddy lists
- Comprehensive and informative monthly newsletter
- Entertaining and informative monthly meetings
- Monthly scheduled club dives
- Meet new friends & dive buddies
- Group travel to exotic diving locations
- Ocean, lake and beach cleanup events
- Special members only events
- Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffles

#### *Monthly Raffles*

Tickets may be purchased at each meeting for that nights raffle prizes.

#### *Sport Chalet Stores*

- Pt. Loma  
(619)224-6777
- La Jolla  
(858) 453-5656
- Mission Valley  
(619)718-7070

#### *Sport Tours*

(800) 660-2754  
FAX (818) 249-8877

*Club Website*  
[www.dive-club.org](http://www.dive-club.org)

#### *Quarterly Raffles*

Save your losing tickets for the quarterly meeting when we draw a grand prize from the losing tickets of that night and the two previous meetings. Quarterly raffle months are:

**January, April, July, October**

### *Newsletter Submissions*

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with other members of the club (cartoons, articles, dive log, etc.), submissions for the newsletter may be made in the following manner:

#### **USMail:**

San Diego Dive Club  
P.O. Box 81678  
San Diego, CA 92138-1678

**Phone:** (619)225-9051

**E-mail:** pbrooks2@cox.net

*Deadline for all submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup>  
of each month.*

## CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Club Meeting 7:00	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Dive Bird Rock	16	17	18 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 3 Day Horizon Trip
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### AUGUST CLUB DIVE

**Sunday August 15**

**Bird Rock**

Date/Time: Sun. August 15, Meet at 2PM and in the water by 3PM (give time for parking/logistics)

Location: North Bird Rock, 6000 Camino De La Costa, La Jolla

Directions: Get onto La Jolla Blvd (from PB head North, from La Jolla head South), turn West onto La Canada (towards ocean), take slight right onto Camino de la Costa

DMs: same

Meeting: Top of the stairs by the benches

Parking: Street, kind of tough at times, come early

Entry: Which side depends on tide and surface conditions, will be a rock entry

Features: Shallow dive - lots of bottom time, rocks, kelp and grass

Marine life: Abalone, lobster, garibaldi, bass, etc.

### ANNUAL SOUTHERN CHANNEL ISLANDS 3-DAY TRIP

We will once again be cruising on the dive boat Horizon to the southern channel islands of Catalina, Santa Barbara, and San Clemente August 28-30. Sparkling waters, giant kelp, fantastic sea life and Mark's outstanding culinary talents always make this a memorable adventure. Cost is \$385.00 per person with space limited to 26 divers. A \$150.00 deposit per person will reserve space on the trip. Payment in full is due August 4th. Staterooms or bunks may be selected upon full payment anytime. No refunds will be made after August 13th unless you can find someone to take your spot. The trip will be open to club members only until May 13th. After that it will be open to non-members also.

For reservations and information please contact Scott Brown at (858) 560-6755 or [lsbro1@mindspring.com](mailto:lsbro1@mindspring.com).



# Scuba Charters

## July 2004

Reservations can be made at any Sport Chalet or with the Scuba Reservation office at

**800-348-3794.**

Remember, Club Members get  
10% off these prices!

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
01-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
01-Aug	DND II	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
01-Aug	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
01-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
01-Aug	Island Time	Oil Rig- Advanced only	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
07-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
07-Aug	Encore	San Clemente	\$ 119	8/6, 10 pm		1:00 AM	5:30 PM N/A
07-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
07-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
07-Aug	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
08-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
08-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
14-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
14-Aug	DND II	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
14-Aug	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
14-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank night	\$ 78	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	12:30 AM	Personal food ok
14-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
14-Aug	Pacific Star	Catalina	\$ 99	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
15-Aug	DND II	Kelp-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
15-Aug	DND II	Wreck Alley-2 tank	\$ 75	7:00 AM	7:30 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
15-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
15-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
15-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
15-Aug	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 78	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air Fills
21-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
21-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
21-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
21-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
21-Aug	Ocean Express	2 Wreck 1 Night	\$ 85	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	8:30 PM	N/A
22-Aug	Bottom Scratcher	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
22-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
22-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank pm	\$ 78	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personal food ok
22-Aug	Lois Ann	Kelp-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
22-Aug	Magician	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	N/A
28-Aug	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 94	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
28-Aug	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 78	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	1:00 PM	Personal food ok
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29-Aug	Lois Ann	Kelp-2 tank	\$ 75	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	11:30 AM	N/A
29-31	Vision	N.Chanel Islands	\$ 459	8/28, 8 pm	4:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A

Trip Dates, Boats, Destinations and Charter Prices are subject to change without Notice.

### San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meeting will be held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at the **Spice House Cafe at 9035 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.** The next meeting will be **Aug 18**. The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club too, and we need your new thoughts and ideas to keep the club fun and exciting.

# The San Diego Council of Divers

## NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL OF DIVERS

Meetings are currently scheduled for every other month. The next meeting scheduled is:  
Thursday July 15th 6:30 PM. Location TBA (probably Robb Field)



More information will be posted on the Council's website - [www.sddivers.com](http://www.sddivers.com)

### 3 R's Schedules

Include are both the San Diego and Los Angeles areas 3R's schedules. There are slight variations on who and how they are conducted but essentially:

San Diego and Los Angeles Lifeguards, in conjunction with the Council of Divers, offer instruction to divers on safe diving practices and area familiarization along the coastline. This is workshop to improve beach diving skills & familiarize divers with popular dive sites. Life guards or instructors demonstrate & supervise proper surf entry & exit procedures, dive condition assessment techniques, and explain unique aspects of the dive site.

Participants wear full wetsuit, mask, fins and snorkel. TANKS & REGULATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

All sessions meet at 8 a.m

#### August

Sat, Aug 14, 2004  
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)  
08:00 AM  
South Casa Cove - Coast Blvd. at Jenner St.

Sat, Aug 14, 2004  
Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs (GLACD)  
Deer Creek - Deer Creek Rd @ PCH, Ventura County (Thomas Bros. Maps Page 625/B4)

#### September

Sat, Sep 11, 2004  
Rocks Rips & Reefs (San Diego)  
08:00 AM  
Hospital Point - 400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Sat, Sep 11, 2004  
Los Angeles Rocks Rips Reefs (GLACD)  
Long Point (Old Marineland) - 6610 Palos Verdes Dr. South,  
Rancho Palos Verdes

## President's Message Cont.

down and into the chart room where I found my honor wall plaque. After cleaning my plaque and looking at our club's plaque I checked my computer again. Dead! Oh " \*&#@"! Well, I thought, "time to end the dive". I've been down less than 5 minutes and the last computer display showed I had 18 minutes bottom time remaining. With no backup computer (I forgot it at home) and no depth indicator or timer my choices were limited.

I looked around quickly in the chart room and saw some amazingly large matridium. "HmMMM", I thought, "these things usually only grow in very cold water". Wearing a dry suit with no computer I had no idea of the water temp.

I casually exited the chart room and floated up to the starboard side (high

point) of the ship and did a leisurely swim along half the length of the ship and then back to the same buoy line I had descended.

Stopped at what I guessed to be 15 – 20 feet and stayed until I had counted for more than three minutes. I was the first person at the safety stop and had spent most of my time around 60 feet and figured I was down for no more than 15 minutes total. I knew I was well within safe diving limits.

Got back to the boat and removed all my gear and put my clothes on. There were numerous offers to use someone else's spare dive computer. I turned them all down for two reasons; first, I had no idea of my actual first dive profile and another computer would not be able to correctly tell me my deco limits and, second, I had achieved my

basic goals. I cleaned my honor plaque, saw the ship and the marine life and had fun (albeit short). The single short dive was worth the \$60 trip cost.

So what to learn from this?

Keep your gear in shape. Know how to use your gear. Have backup equipment. Dive with a buddy. Play it safe, if your computer fails, abort the dive and wait 24 hours before your next dive. Use common sense. Don't panic. Don't let other people talk you into unsafe diving practices. No amount of money is worth risking your health and safety.

I left a \$20 tip.

*Steve Anderson - President*

## At Our Last Meeting

At our last meeting.....We were informed and entertained by Steven O'Donathan and his presentation on a B36 bomber in 260 feet of water off of Mission Beach. Lot's of history and human stories made this very entertaining. Our meeting room was bit crowded as many people came just to hear the presentation.

Me thinks Steven has been breathing strange gasses too deep for too long. Steven told us about things off shore that I had no idea existed. Seems we have the equivalent of a military surplus store underwater.

Thanks Steven!

## Raffel Prize Winners

Bill Benjamin - Pole Spear

Tricia Stennett - Fish ID Book

Cody Gilstrap - Weight Bag; Dive Optics; Game Fish Hoop

Bryce Newall - Portable Chair; Booties

Mike Petschek - Dive Knife

Dave Pierce - Knocker

**Quarterly Prize Winner:  
Kathy Bouic U/W Camera**

Our Lovely Assistant, the "Vanna" of SDDC,  
Aubrey Johnston.

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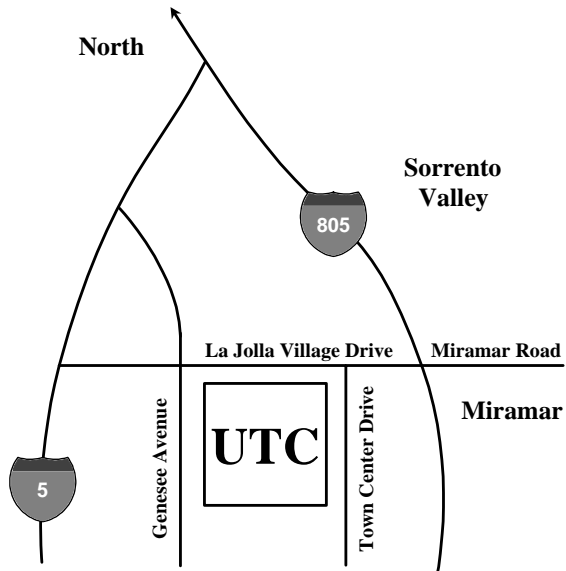
For reservations and information please contact Scott Brown at (858) 560-6755 or [lsbro1@mindspring.com](mailto:lsbro1@mindspring.com).

### **Two Harbors, Catalina Island**

**For Halloween**

**October 29th – 31st**

We are finalizing the pricing details for our Fall trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. We have reservations for the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>. We will be making an dusk and night boat dive on Friday night and there will be a Halloween costume party on Saturday night. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~12:30 pm on Friday, the 29th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 31st. The trip price will be about \$110 for non-divers and about \$170 for divers taking part in the 2 tank boat dive on Friday night. The trip price includes round trip transportation between San Pedro and Two Harbors via the Catalina Express, accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and dinner on Friday and Saturday night. We are also negotiating the inclusion of sea kayaks into the trip price. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or by calling 619-697-6589 or 619-303-6589. But don't wait too long this trip sells out extremely quickly. \*cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.



## DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

**The Canyon Room 7:00 PM**  
 (see page 1 for date of meeting)  
**Lower level of the food court at the University Towne Center shopping mall (U.T.C.)**

**From 805 take La Jolla Village Dr. West**  
**From 5 take La Jolla Village Dr. East**

**January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we have a grand raffle prize at those meetings.**

**The winning ticket is drawn from that evenings batch and from the previous two months.**

***ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELLIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE!!!***

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**Check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.**



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