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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Life Is Good

As I sit here admiring my new Yukon port hole, I can't help but think of how blessed we all are living here. Our weather places almost no stress upon us at all. In fact, it enables us to choose from a large array of activities throughout the county's terrain. Diving is placed high on the list for us and rightly so. Here along the southern California coast, out at the channel islands, and down into Mexico we can enjoy some of the best diving on the planet. Shore dive sites offer spectacular terrain and year round animal diversity which continues to improve with the recent appearance of giant black sea bass, soupefins, and six gills. A short boat

ride will get us to Scripps canyon, many different artificial reefs, and wreck alley. The Yukon, besides helping to adorn my living room, has now become an animal breeding ground that will only increase with future ship sinkings. Such a deal, new dive sites and more animals. You're probably wondering what has inspired this spate of local diving cheerleading. Well, last Sunday morning while I was out, Laura was quite busy. I returned home to find several of my past underwater photos framed, hung above the fireplace, set on the mantel, and on the hearth surrounding the port hole. It was one of those 'life doesn't get any better than this' mo-

ments. Enough about me. On a somewhat more somber note, Summer's half over. Time certainly seems to fly at times. By the time all of you receive this newsletter some of us will have enjoyed a great trip to the Coronado islands on board the Marissa. You'll hear all about that trip during the August meeting. Our next big event will be the carne asada bar-B-Q and movie on the beach September 8th. Please give any movie suggestions to any of the club officers and I'll see you in August.

Scott Brown - President

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Aug 2 , 2007 7:00 pm

(see back page for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for August is:

Unknown at press time

—Cody Gilstrap, Entertainment Coordinator

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Betty Parrish

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.sandiegodiveclub.com

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 15th of each month.

CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
August 2007 Events Calendar			1	2 Club Meeting 7:00	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 3Rs pg7
12	13	14	15 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 3Rs pg3,7
26	27	28	29	30	31	

San Diego Dive Club's August Dive

Location: Casa Cove
 Date: Saturday August 25th
 Time: Following the 3 R's
 Technical: High Tide 4.3 ft @ 8:55 A.M.
 Descriptions: http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/South_Casa/index.htm

Hi Divers,

Our club sponsors the 3R's on this date put forth by the local lifeguards. This is a great way to learn your way above the local waters, and the dive is a great way to explore beneath. There is a wide variety of life and a nice mix of topography. Please bring your C-card

Divemasters: Dennis Fox (760) 580-5951 Jeremy Burns (619) 729-6260



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters

July
2007

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

800-348-3794.

The August Boat Schedule was not
available at Press time

Check with your local Sport Chalet
Store for the current schedule

Diving at the Children's Pool when Seals are present

You should follow the recommendations of NOAA Office of Law Enforcement here in San Diego and the Lifeguards:

1. You should enter the water as far away from seals as is practical.
2. If seals are completely across the beach, you might consider coming back on a sunny day because the seals will be few then.
3. Walk to the water with a slow steady pace, with arms and fins tucked in.
4. Do not stare at the seals, as eye contact is discomforting. Keep your back turned when possible.
5. Do not stop at the water's edge and fool with your gear; have all that done, or do it in the water.
6. The city has taken down the rope. Children's Pool is a public beach. There never was any city, state, or federal law against going into Childrens Pool. If somebody challenges you, say nothing. Their intent is to draw you into an argument and spoil your dive, maybe videotape you blowing up. Nobody can touch you.
7. Swim out from the Pool in the middle of the exit area, where a rip tide will help you out.
8. Return to the Pool as closely to the sea wall as you can, so the rip tide and surge will carry you (fling you on a bad day) into the pool.
9. You may spear fish there or bag lobsters in season, you should have your fishing license (and lobster gauge) with you.

* You may also access the same area through Shell Beach to the North. There is a longer swim involved. Unless conditions are unusually calm, it is an advanced dive as well. Also note, persons who try to intimidate beach users are plentiful on sunny weekends. On a weekday there is only one person there, and there will be nobody there at 8 in any morning.

If you have been harrassed, scared or attacked while at the Children's Pool please send an email describing the situation to:

Harassed@san.rr.com

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday Aug 15 th

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' Meetings are usually held at **6:30 PM** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month at :

Marie Calendar's, 6950 Alvarado rd. La Mesa

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.

Photo of the month contest

The club officers have come up with a friendly contest we all can enjoy. Here's how it works: Take an underwater picture, frame it for easy display and set it up at the meeting with all the other entries. Everyone in attendance votes for their favorite picture and the winner receives five raffle tickets. The intent here is to involve as many people as possible in fun and entertainment.

Even a friendly contest has rules (not guidelines) and we'll all be operating under the honor system. Underwater pictures only, taken during the time since the last meeting. One picture per person per month. Digital or film. Display your picture as you shot it with your camera and lighting settings. Cropping is OK but please refrain from zooming in on your subject or using Photoshop before printing. One vote per person and you must be present at the meeting to vote. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the following month's meeting as the previous month's winner.

We have several excellent photographers within our membership and as this contest continues, I hope to see the photo display table crowded with stunning pictures for all our viewing pleasure.

At Our Last Meeting

Sheriff's reserve Sgt. Gary Reed spoke to us on the sheriff's underwater search and recovery unit. The pictures were a bit gruesome but not as bad as anticipated. He and his team of volunteers perform a brave and necessary service in very adverse diving conditions while keeping all of us from finding unpleasant underwater surprises. And club president Scott Brown, as the auction's high bidder, took home the Yukon port hole. Thanks again to Milt Beard for his generous donation.

Scott Brown

Raffle

Here are the winners from July's raffle

- UK SL4 LED Dive Light - Steve Anderson
Medium Pelican Case - Steve Anderson
BC Hanger - Mike Petschek
Aqua Lung Toiletries bag - Mike Petschek
Dive Head band - Peggy Petschek
Excursion Dive Roller Duffle bag - Leslie Peariso
Trident Wrist dive slate - Janice Swanner
Diving & Snorkeling Honduras - Jack Ross
Save-a-dive kit - Jim Shrove
Deep See Omni Mask - Scott Anderson
Aqua Lung Silver Flex Blades - Terry Thomas
Dive book on CD rom - Mike King

Sea Quest BC Quartely Prize Leslie Periso

Membership

Please welcome these new and renewing members...

New members

- Dena Hull
D.J. Rausa

Renewals

- Monty Ray
Christopher Sharpe
Gregg Wickstrand
Terry Johnson



SAN DIEGO DIVE CLUB SOUTHERN CHANNELISLANDS 2007 3-DAY TRIP

The sparkling waters of Santa Barbara, Santa Catalina, and San Clemente Islands will be our destinations on board the Horizon September 21-23.

- Itinerary**
- Thursday September 20:** Boarding is at 7:00 PM with departure at 9:00PM.
- Friday September 21:** We dive all day at Santa Barbara Island and if conditions permit, there will be a night dive.
- Saturday September 22:** We dive all day at Santa Catalina Island. In the evening the Horizon will anchor in Avalon harbor and those who wish may go ashore.
- Sunday September 23:** We dive at San Clemente Island until about 2:00PM and then head for home. Arrival in San Diego will be around 8:00 PM.

Itinerary is subject to change depending on sea and weather conditions.

The Boat

The Horizon is an 80-foot Coast Guard inspected and certified custom-built dive boat. Crew includes two captains, four deckhands, chef and assistant. She is berthed at H & M Landing 2803 Emerson St. Passenger accommodations include eight staterooms and 17 single bunks. 12 of the single bunks are arranged side by side divided by a wood partition which can be raised out of the way to create a double bunk. All staterooms and bunks include sheets, pillows, blankets, and private lights. Staterooms also have their own electrical outlets. There are two bathrooms and three showers.

The galley has five booths which each seat six, plenty of shelf space for camera gear, a self-serve water and soda fountain, a TV with external AV inputs, and a VHS/DVD player. There is a selection of videos, magazines, and paperback books for all to enjoy. All food and drinks are included with the exception of bottled water, canned soda, beer, wine, and gourmet coffee.

Aluminum 80 cylinders and hard weights are available at no charge. All air fills are included. 32% NITROX is available for \$ 6.00 per fill with a maximum of \$ 24.00 per day after which they're free.

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Trip cost is \$ 470.00 per person with space limited to 26 divers. A \$ 250.00 deposit per person will reserve space on the trip with payment in full due by July 16. Payment in full may be made at any time. Sleeping accommodations may only be selected upon full payment. No refunds will be given after August 20 unless you yourself can find someone to take your spot. The trip is open only to current San Diego Dive Club members until July 6, after which it will be open to non-members. **There may be a small fuel surcharge of \$10-\$20 per person payable upon boarding.**

**For reservations please contact Scott Brown.
(858) 560-6755 lsbro1@mindspring.com**

Rocks, Rips & Reefs Program (3Rs)

What are the 3Rs?

3Rs is an in-water education and site orientation program for divers and snorkelers. Participants are briefed on the interaction of surf, swell, and tides on underwater rocks and reefs, and then enter the water and tour popular diver sites with local lifeguards.

3Rs is a great way for newer divers to learn more about the ocean and for experienced divers to explore new dive sites.

Participants learn how to:

- Identify underwater rocks and reefs by observing water movement and surf
- Take advantage of the ocean's natural wave motion
- Spot safe places to enter and exit
- Avoid places hazardous to divers and snorkelers
- Encounter rip and long shore currents
- Use tides to plan dives

Read a [review on SanDiegoDiving.com](#)

Who can attend?

The 3Rs is free and open to the public. Snorkelers welcome! SCUBA Certification is not required, but swimming experience is recommended.

Participants must sign a liability waiver as part of registration. Participants aged 17 or less must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

What to bring

Bring a mask, fins, and snorkel. A full wetsuit and gloves are strongly recommended for warmth and protection from scrapes. Spring suits are OK. Weights are discouraged unless you are a strong swimmer or your wetsuit is extremely buoyant. Scuba gear (regulator, BC, tank, etc.) is not used during the 3Rs.

If you have not been diving or snorkeling recently, please check your gear before you arrive.

When are the 3Rs?

For all dates below, registration will be at 8:00am. Mandatory briefing starts at 8:15am, enter the water 8:30 am.

Boomer/La Jolla Cove

Saturday, May 12th 2007

Meet at - 1150 Coast Blvd. (La Jolla Cove steps)

Session Host: San Diego Dive Club

North Bird Rock

Saturday May 26, 2007

Meet at 6000 Camino de la Costa, La Jolla

Session Host: Ocean Explorers Society

Goldfish Point (La Jolla Caves)

Saturday June 23, 2007

Meet at 1325 Coast Blvd. (Old Shell Shop)

Session Host: Dive Animals

Marine Street

Saturday July 14, 2007

Meet at - 300 Marine Street

Session Host: Bottom Bunch

Shell Beach

Saturday July 28, 2007

Meet at - 1000 Coast Blvd. (nearest cross street - Ocean St.) At the top of the stairs about half way between La Jolla Cove and Children's Pool

Session Host: San Diego Freedivers

Hospital Point

Saturday August 11th, 2007

Meet at - 400 Coast Blvd (south of Cuvier)

Session Host: Sea Dogs

Casa Cove

Saturday August 25th, 2007

Meet at Life Guard Tower 850 Coast Boulevard

Session Host: San Diego Dive Club

DIVE CLUB MEETING LOCATION

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.

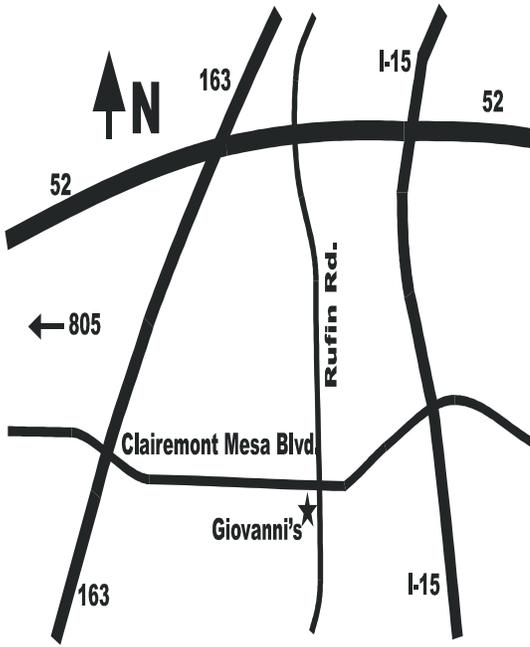
Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East

From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West
Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa on the West
side of Ruffin

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
ELIGIBLE 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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