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San Diego Dive Club Newsletter
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays!

Some of the items in my message are a repeat from last month, but the dive club elves are still scurrying around trying to finish up the coordination of our annual SCUBA Santa event, and we could always use helpers. Geek elf has developed a new lighting system for the photographer elves, he says it is untested but "should work" fine. Geek elf could still use a couple of helpers on the day of the event to do photo touch up with photo shop and help in printing photographs. If you have any of these talents please give us a call. We still need some gear tenders, registration volunteers, and a couple of Santa stand ins to give Santa a break, or two during the day. If you would like to get involved please give me a call or send me an e-mail and I will put you in touch with the appropriate elf.

SCUBA Santa will be conducted at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma. On December 3rd, Santa will be taking time out from his busy holiday schedule to stop by, put on his dive gear and hang out in the pool. This will give everyone the chance to get some holiday photos to send out to friends and family. This is also an opportunity to help remember some of those that are less fortunate than our selves by donating a gift to be distributed at St Vincent De Paul Village. For all the details on this event, look inside this newsletter, or go to the club web site at www.sandiegodiveclub.com.

We have lots of other stuff to do during this Holiday Season also, a dive at the Marine Room, a trip to Disneyland, and there are still a few tickets left for the Parade of Lights on San Diego Bay. We have decided to dress up for the Parade of Lights event so please go to the club web site to view all the details.

The year is coming to a close, and that means we will soon be looking at Officer's elections. At the January meeting we will be taking nominations for officer's positions and then following that up in the coming months with elections. So if you have never been an officer before, please think about getting more involved, it is definitely a rewarding experience.

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AT OUR NEXT MEETING

Thur., Dec. 1 , 2005 7:00 pm

(see page 10 for meeting location)

The Guest Speaker for December is:

Enrique Montoya - Life Guard Training

Enrique Montoya, Del Mar Life Guards, will give a presentation on the Del Mar Life Guard Team's Training and Techniques.

How it started and evolved

Training and techniques

How you as a diver can help in a search and rescue

— *Bruce Laiho, Entertainment Coordinator*

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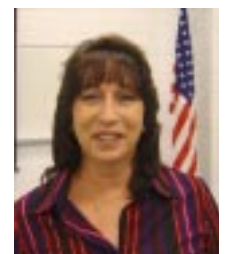
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Membership

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
December 2005				1 Club Meeting 7:00	2	3 U/W Santa Pt Loma pg 8
Events Calendar						
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San Diego Dive Club – December 2005 Dive! Marine Room, La Jolla!

This is a great shallow reef dive. If conditions are really good you can snorkel and free-dive this site. You can also do a bit of the wall and then follow the reef back in to shore.

** If the swell is large we may move to La Jolla Shores.

Date: December 10th

Time: 10:00AM (meet at 9:45AM)

Location: Marine Room

2000 Spindrift Drive
La Jolla, California 92037

Just South of La Jolla Shores on Spindrift Drive.

http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_West/CalS/Marine_Room/#site

Divemaster: Barbara Lloyd barbara.lloyd@gmail.com Cell 858-405-4425

Parking: Get there early! The closer parking is on Spindrift Drive and Roseland Drive. Look for red zones, fire hydrants, and other indications of no-parking zones. Please respect the residents!

Entry: The entrance to this dive site is a sidewalk and stairs on the south side of the Marine Room Restaurant at La Jolla Shores.

Features: Rocky reef with lots of nooks and crannies. There is eel grass too. (Check out the aerial photo on the link above, by clicking on it.)

Marine Life: Here is just a sample of what's seen at this site: Spiny lobster, garibaldi, surf perch, stingrays, sheephead, seabass, greenlings, giant kelp fish, crabs, octopi, nudibranchs, sea stars, Sea lions, etc... In the sandy areas look for Leopard sharks, Horn sharks, and Shovel Nose Guitar fish.

Directions: (Get Map directions on the link above)

From La Jolla Shores Drive, near Torrey Pines Rd/La Jolla Pkwy, head west on Paseo Dorado, toward the ocean. This road will take a slight left and then curve around the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. It will make a final turn and become Spindrift Drive. You will see the Marine Room Restaurant on your right, and a parking lot on the left.

From Torrey Pines Rd./La Jolla Pkwy, head towards the Cove. On the way up the hill turn right on Princess Street. Follow this around as it turns into Spindrift Drive. At the bottom of the hill you will see the Marine Room Restaurant on your left, and a parking lot on the right. Find parking before you get to the bottom of the hill.



Remember, Club Members get
10% off these prices!

Scuba Charters December 2005

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

800-348-3794.

Date	Boat	Destination	Price	Board	Depart	Return	Additional Charges
03-Dec	Encore	Santa Barbara	\$ 137	12/2, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Dec	Great Escape	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
03-Dec	Lois Ann	Wreck - 2 Tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
03-Dec	Spectre	S.Cruz / Anacapa	\$ 88	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	5:30 PM	Food & Air
04-Dec	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
04-Dec	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
04-Dec	Lois Ann	Kelp Beds - 2 tank	\$ 82	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Encore	Catalina	\$ 117	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Great Escape	San Clemente	\$ 137	12/9, 10pm	1:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Horizon	San Clemente	\$ 130	12/9, 9pm	10:00 PM	9:00 PM	N/A
10-Dec	Island Time	Catalina-2 tank	\$ 94	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	2:00 PM	N/A
11-Dec	CeeRay	Catalina	\$ 107	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	N/A
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Trip dates, boats, destinations and prices are subject to change without notice.

San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting Wednesday December 21

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 December (**Dec 21**), at:

[Leonardo's Cafe Italia., 7091 El Cajon Blvd. 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.

**San Diego Dive Club 2005 Disneyland Trip
Saturday, Dec 10th 2005**

We had a great time last year so why not do it again?

Disneyland is open from 8am - 12am.

Everyone is on their own to arrange transportation and purchase tickets. Get there whenever you like. We have no plans to try to keep a large group of people together because that doesn't work well if you want to get anything done.

If you'd like to be part of a club group photo, be in front of the castle by 2:00pm.

It might be fun to meet as a group again for the 4:15pm show of "Billy Hill & the Hillbilies" at the Golden Horseshow saloon in Frontierland. If you've never seen the show you should give it a try!

I'm a real Disneyland trivia buff so see if you can find something to quiz me on.

Last year we all brought our masks and snorkels for the group photo. If you want to bring yours, I suggest getting a locker.

The flyer on the website has park event information and some suggestions for optimizing your day at the parks.

* If you want a really excellent experience in watching Fantasmic! You can make a Priority Seating reservation by calling (714) 781-3463. This costs \$50 per person and provides a comfortable seat with an unrestricted view and a gourmet buffet desert spread.

If you have any questions before Dec. 10th or while in the park call my cell phone

Steve Anderson
(619) 459-0798

**Two Harbors, West End, Catalina Island
April 7th – 9th, 2006**

We are finalizing details for our Springtime trip to Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations are for the weekend of April 7th through the 9th. We will be departing San Pedro for Two Harbors at ~10:00am on Friday, the 7th, and then returning for the mainland trip at ~2:00pm on Sunday, the 9th. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$110* for non-divers and \$182* for divers taking part in the Saturday boat dive. 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 a pasta dinner on Friday night and a Carne and Pollo Asada Bar-B-Q and movies on Saturday night. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at sddiver@cox.net or by calling 619-697-6589. 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.

President cont.

The traditional season greeting used to be Merry Christmas, for me at least, but with all the political correctness the “appropriate greeting” these days is now Happy Holidays! So whether you say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Quanza or Kwanzaa, Seasons Greetings, etc., etc., I would like to wish you and yours, Happy Holidays! For all of those that I missed, or are possible offended by this greeting then Bah Humbug to you!

Happy Holidays, and I’ll see you in the water,

Rich Burns - President

At Our Last Meeting

Nudibranchs, Nudibranchs, and more Nudibranchs

Dr. Hans Bertsch is a marine biologist, environmental educator, nudibranch researcher, photographer, author, and certified scuba instructor. Dr. Bertsch, has studied the biodiversity and habitats of the Californias for over 30 years. He has published over 200 scientific articles on various topics and is just crazy about sea slugs. Hans stopped by the club to discuss a subject he is an expert of and very passionate about, Nudibranchs. Anyone who was in attendance is now immensely more educated and knowledgeable about the subject of sea slugs. Thanks Hans for your insight about nudibranchs along the California coastline. We look forward to your next visit to learn more about nudibranchs from around the world.

Membership

Please welcome these new and
renewing members...

New members

Vincent Declercq
Shelly Clement-Hocevar
Terry Hocevar
Victoria Van Vliet

Renewals

Bruce Laiho
Mark Berger

Raffle

Here are the winners from November’s raffle

Peggy Petschek - Scuba Monopoly game two times

Bruce Laiho - Weight and trim system

Mike Petschek - Lift Bag

Rich Burns - Booties in the bag

Kevin Lass - Lobster bag

Barbara Lloyd - Hood with zipper in back

Scott Brown - Scooter Compass

34th Annual
San Diego Bay Parade of Lights
2005



Sunday, December 18, 2005
Boarding at 4:00 PM with departure at 5:00 PM
Parade on San Diego Bay - 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

Happy Holidays!

The club has chartered the Horizon out of H&M Landing for the 33rd Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights. Come join your friends and participate in a great San Diego tradition. The Horizon crew is going to decorate the boat in its finest holiday decorations and you're invited to come along and join in the festivities. You not only get to watch the parade from a prime front row seat, but you also get to be in it.

This year's theme is "Nautical Nights". Get together with family and friends and come along and participate in what has become a traditional Holiday present to San Diego from the boating community. Ticket price is \$25 per person. There will be plenty of munchies to keep your tummy warm and happy along with appropriate holiday concoctions. There will also be a no host bar available for holiday spirits. To sign up come to the club meeting or contact Rich or Shelley Burns at 619-303-6589 or 619-697-6589 or by e-mail sddiver@cox.net

For more information about the 33rd Annual Parade check out: [San Diego Parade of Lights](#)

Boat is available for boarding at 4 PM, with estimated departure of 5 PM. Do not be late; once we pull away from the dock you have "missed the boat". Adjacent parking is available. The first 1/2 hour is free and then it's \$1.00 per hour up to a maximum of \$5.00 for 24 hours.

The dive boat HORIZON is located at H&M Landing, 2803 Emerson St., San Diego.

**Santa Arrives
at the Point Loma Sport Chalet swimming pool
Saturday, December 3, 2005 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM
3695 MIDWAY DR.**

NO SCUBA EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

The San Diego Dive Club is hosting a submerged Santa Claus at the bottom of the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool, complete with lit tree, wrapped gifts, and a chimney. Dive in the pool and have your photo taken on Santa's lap to support St. Vincent De Paul. Participation will afford you two free digital photos taken by our diving photographers. They make unique holiday cards. We can also provide a CD-ROM of your photos for \$10.00

No previous experience necessary! We provide the equipment and professional SCUBA instructors will be there to guide you. This is a great way to try out SCUBA, who knows, maybe you'll like it and sign up for a full class.

If you are already SCUBA certified be sure to bring your cert card.

Bring an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the kids at St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Center.

Minimum age for SCUBA with Santa is 10. Santa will snorkel with kids younger than 10.

Covered skin takes the best photo. Many people dress up in festive clothing. Bring a towel and your swim suit. The water temperature will be around 80°



SCUBA Santa Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

The San Diego Dive Club and Sport Chalet sponsor the event each year to collect toys for the children at the Saint Vincent De Paul Homeless Center. The event helps promote scuba diving, the San Diego Dive Club and Sport Chalet and it's a ton of fun.

Do I need to be scuba certified?

No, the event is designed to introduce you to scuba.

Are there any requirements?

Yes. You must be in good health. You must not be extremely overweight or out of condition. A person with heart trouble, a current cold or congestion, epilepsy, asthma, a severe medical problem, or who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, should not dive. If taking medication, consult your doctor before participating in this program. You must read and sign a PADI "Medical Questionnaire" and a "Liability Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement"

If you answer YES to any question on the "Medical Questionnaire" you must have a physician sign a PADI "Medical Statement and Guidelines for Recreational Scuba Diver's Physical Examination" form.

This form may be obtained at any Sport Chalet or on the San Diego Dive Club website (www.sandiegodiveclub.com).

If I am already scuba certified can I participate?

Absolutely! Just be sure to bring your certification card. You will be required to sign a Liability waiver.

Can I use my own dive equipment?

Yes, as long as it is in good condition. Please, no raw lead weight belts in the pool, they damage the pools protective coating.

What does it cost?

There is no charge for the event. A donation of an unwrapped toy (suggested value \$10 - \$20) for the homeless children at the Saint Vincent De Paul Homeless Center would be greatly appreciated.

What do I need to bring?

A bathing suit and a towel are all you need. If you are already certified bring your cert card and your own scuba gear.

What do I get out of it?

Two free digital photo prints of you and Santa underwater and an introduction to scuba diving.

What can I do to make a good picture?

Wear colorful clothing, cover bare skin as much as possible and sit still. Photos taken early in the morning tend to be better quality as the water is clean and there is plenty of natural sunlight.

How long does it take?

Approximately 1 hour. This depends largely on the number of people ahead of you. There is limited space in the pool and classroom. We cannot anticipate the number of participants and therefore cannot control the length of time it takes for the complete experience. We are unable to take reservations.

What do I do?

- Come in to the Point Loma Sport Chalet between 10am and 4pm
- Donate an unwrapped toy
- Sign in at the registration desk
- Fill out and sign the Medical form the Liability waiver
- Attend a 20 minute classroom session
- Change into your swimsuit and go to the pool
- You will be assigned a scuba Instructor and receive some in water training
- Scuba down to Santa Claus and have your picture taken
- Change back to your street clothes
- Pick up your 2 free digital photo prints.

Can I have more than 2 photo prints?

Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to produce more than 2 per person, however we can "burn" a CD-ROM for a donation of \$10. This can then be taken to any digital photo print station at a local store to make additional prints.

What's the minimum age?

The minimum age to scuba with Santa Claus is 10 years, however younger children may snorkel with Santa. Santa will come near the surface to pose with your child. Children younger than 18 years must have a parent or guardian sign the Medical and Liability waiver forms and must be present.

Can I have more than one person in my photo?

Absolutely, bring your friends and family!

Can I just watch or talk to Santa?

Yes, the Point Loma Sport Chalet pool has excellent underwater viewing windows and we have provided an underwater communication system to permit talking to Santa.

Where can I store my clothes and valuables while I'm in the pool?

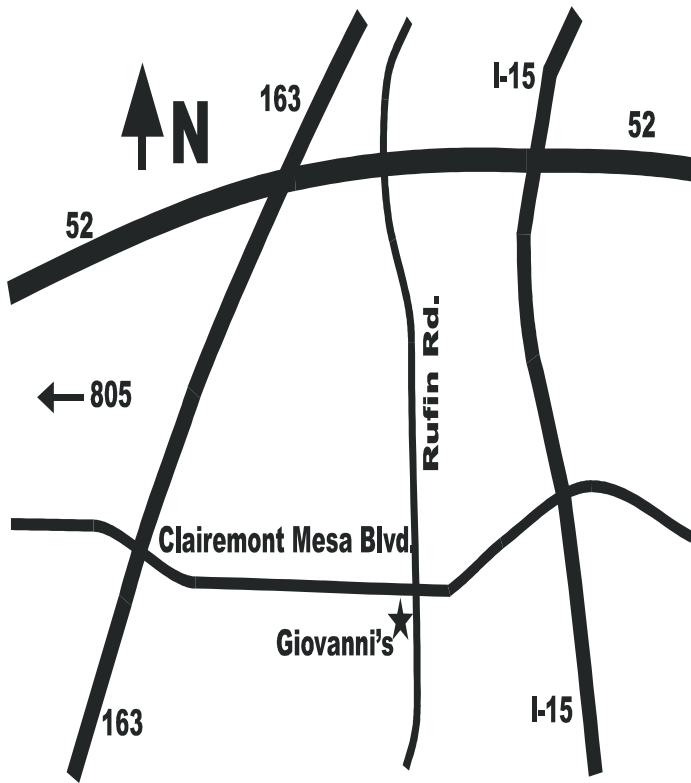
There are Men's and Women's dressing areas and showers with lockers.

We highly recommend you **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE LOCKERS.**

You can bring and use your own lock or take your valuables to the pool deck.

Where can I obtain all the forms?

Any San Diego Sport Chalet dive shop or from the San Diego Dive Club web-site (www.sandiegodiveclub.com)



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.
